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REMARKS

In response to the office action of July 22, 2005, the Applicants have elected Species 1c, that corresponds to Fig. 2C. The Applicants believe that claims 1-4, 11-35, 40-57 read on this species. In the listing of claims, the remaining claims are shown as withdrawn.

By this preliminary amendment, new claims 54-57 have been presented. These claims are intended to cover the embodiment of Fig. 2C. In addition, claim 35 has been amended to depend from claim 30 instead of claim 26 to provide antecedent basis for the "plug".

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The Applicants appreciate the telephone interview of August 4, 2005 between Examiner Gay and attorney Albert C. Mettrailer. In the interview, the restriction requirement was discussed and the Examiner provided advice on the proper approach to selecting claims that read on species 1c. In addition, the Examiner indicated that presentation of new claims would be proper if they correspond to the elected species.

CONCLUSION

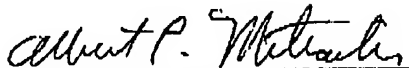
Applicants respectfully look forward to the Examiner's substantive action on these claims. If the Examiner believes it would assist in expediting the application, Applicants welcome a telephone conference with the Examiner to improve understanding of and resolve any questions or issues of the Examiner.

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